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- 2.) Form PTO-1449, including 10 documents; and
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Applicants and their attorney are aware of the following publications and information listed on the attached PTO Form 1449, and in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97 hereby submit these documents for the Examiner's consideration.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b)(3), Applicants hereby make of record the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the U.S. patents listed on Form PTO-1449 are enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the information above be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and that the publications be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. In this regard, it is requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the next Patent Office Communication.

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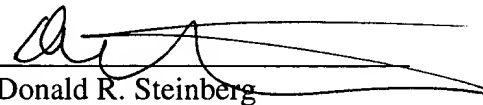
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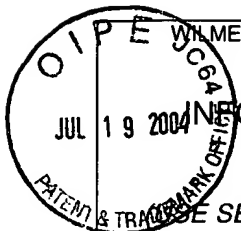
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